

Middle School: sixth - eighth

Fellowship Christian School is committed to creating an environment in which we challenge the minds and cultivate the hearts of students by instilling knowledge and character to prepare them to apply God's truth in all areas of life. FCS is a covenant program admitting academically qualified students who are children of committed believers, actively involved in evangelical churches. Our middle school teachers are dedicated Christ-followers with a passion and calling to mentor middle school students.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Students are challenged to accept increasing amounts of responsibility in a rigorous, yet nurturing environment. Study skills, discipline, and character development are integrated into the curriculum consistently as the students prepare for success in a college preparatory high school. A distinctive of FCS academics is the purposeful integration of biblical thought and values with the content in all fields of study. Middle School course offerings include Bible, English, history, mathematics, science, and physical education.

Bible: The Bible curriculum seeks to encourage each student to develop his or her personal journey with Christ within the matrix of biblical study. Sixth grade students go through all 66 books with personal application and an emphasis on God's power and activity. Seventh grade Bible is designed to give the students an in-depth portrait of Jesus Christ through the lens of the Gospels. The students will study the life, ministry, and teachings of Christ during the first semester and then apply those principles in the second semester through an examination of Christian living. The eighth grade year is spent challenging students to think critically from a biblical worldview.

English: Integrated throughout the three years of English instruction are the primary goals of grammar mastery, the development of writing skills and vocabulary, and the reading of classic literature accompanied by the critical analysis of literature. Each year builds on the content and skills of the previous year to fully prepare students for the demands of high school English coursework. Exploration of various types of writing includes the following: narrative/creative, research, and analytical/expository.

History: Key to the study of history is the recognition of the purposes of God manifest in history and in the glory of His image found in people in all cultures. Beginning in sixth grade, students explore ancient civilization and learn as it moves up to the Renaissance Period. In seventh grade, curriculum centers on early American history up to 1877. The eighth grade year is spent undertaking significant happenings from 1877 to the present. The second semester for the eighth grade covers all aspects of our American government which is then applied with an annual trip to Washington, D.C. The preparation of projects and the

opportunity for group work within the history classes serves to hone the skills of presentation and public speaking and to introduce the process of cooperative learning.

Mathematics: The mathematics sequence provides for each student to arrive at high school entry prepared to meet or exceed the level of Algebra I. For the student gifted in mathematics, additional tracks are offered to accelerate learning to achieve mastery of Algebra I. Satisfactory completion of Algebra 1 is awarded credit of 1.0 Carnegie unit that is applied towards graduation requirements in high school for 8th graders.

Science: Beginning in sixth grade, study in the sciences moves through the three major fields following the sequence of earth science, life science and physical science. Acquisition of factual knowledge in each area is emphasized in tandem with both weekly training in lab skills and the ongoing practice of the methods in scientific inquiry. The biblical value of stewardship is interwoven with study of earth science in sixth grade. In seventh grade life science, the study of origins lays a biblical foundation of creation consistent with the FCS statement of faith while addressing claims of evolutionary science. Eighth grade study lays a foundation for high school chemistry and physics, adding rigorous problem solving to the content base of physical science.

Physical Education: In keeping with our goal to educate the total child, we continue to implement a physical fitness program which strives to encourage our students' healthy respect for body and mind. Good sportsmanship is encouraged at all levels of our program.

Specials: Academic specials include leadership, Spanish and computer. Fine Arts specials include art and music appreciation. Eighth grade students may elect to take yearbook during their study hall.

Standardized Tests: Students in the FCS middle school are given national standardized tests annually. Our students consistently score above national norms.

Off-site Learning Opportunities: Overnight trips are also scheduled annually. Sixth graders experience team building and leadership at an off-site retreat center. Seventh graders explore ocean life on Jekyll Island; and the eighth graders have an opportunity to increase their understanding of our national heritage in Washington, D.C.

ATHLETICS

Students compete in the North Atlanta Metro League. The middle school athletic opportunities include cheerleading, girls fast-pitch softball, girls volleyball, boys football, boys and girls basketball, boys and girls soccer, boys baseball, co-ed track and field, boys and girls tennis, golf, lacrosse, and cross country.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Drama, Outdoor Adventure Club, Robotics Club, and Fencing Club.